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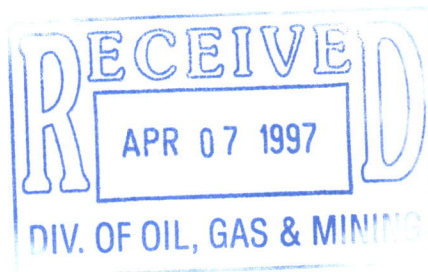
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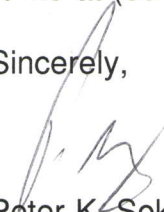
Dear Tony:

On a recent patrol, the Vernal District Ranger reported saw a suspected placer mining operation near the south bank of the Green River about 10 miles south of Vernal (T.6S. R.21E. Sec 13 NW part of SWSWNW; see map attached). According to our title plats, the operation appears to be on private ground. If it is a mining operation, I would assume it would need a UDOGM SMO permit.

The road to the site was blocked by a locked gate on private land, so the Ranger could not find who is conducting the operation. Would you please let me know if you have information who is conducting operations. The site is only a few hundred feet from public lands, so we want to monitor it to assure there are no incursions onto lands the BLM administers. If I find out more information about the operation, I will pass it onto you.

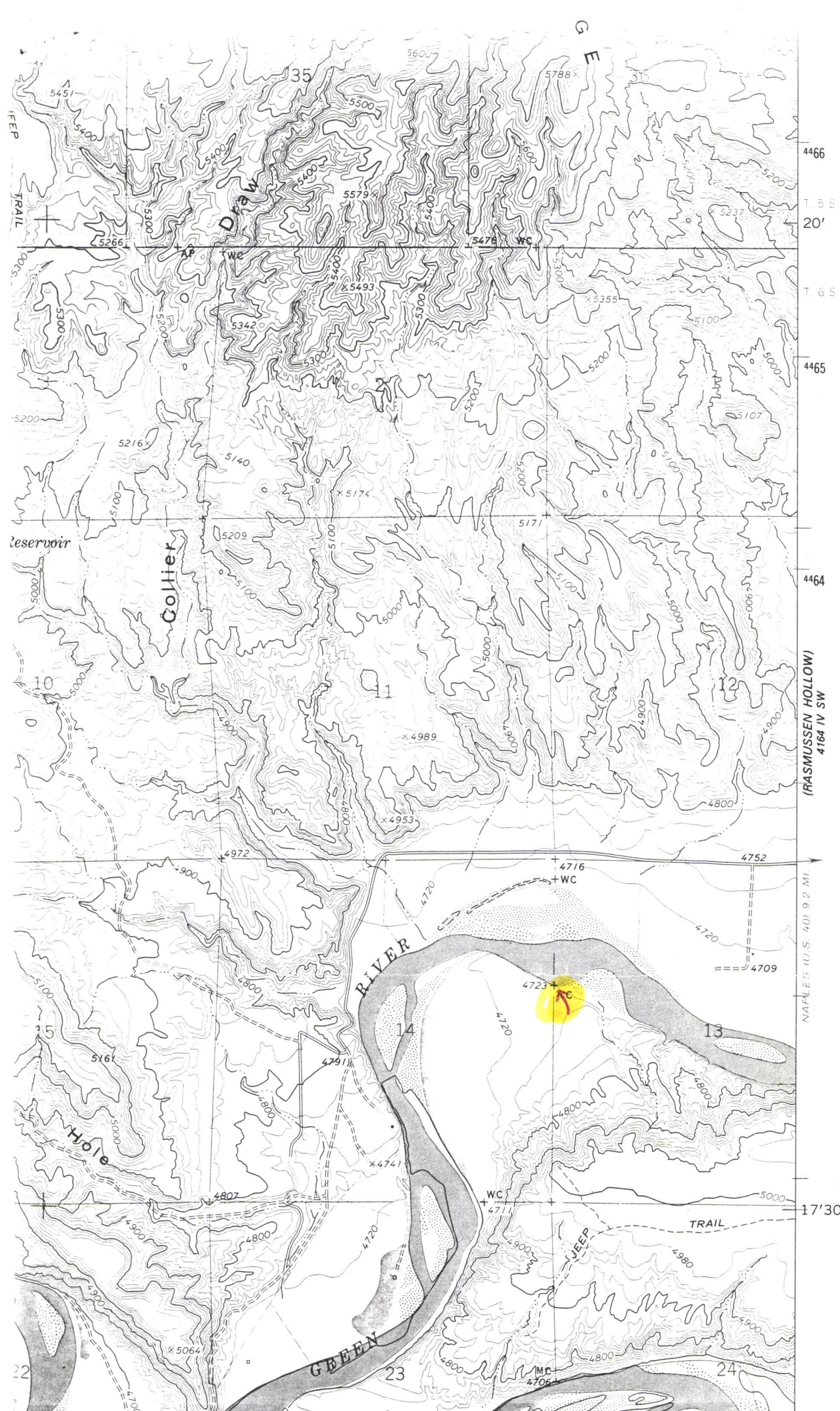
If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 781-4501.


Sincerely,

  
Peter K. Sokolosky  
Geologist, Vernal Field Office

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LOCATION   
OF SUSPECTED  
PLACER OPERATION

(RASMUSSEN HOLLOW)  
4164 IV SW

NAPLES (U.S. 40) 9.2 MI

17'30"